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FORMER LARGO POLICE OFFICER ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Tampa, Florida - Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt today announced that JAMIE BOGDAN, a 33 year old resident of Ft. Myers Beach, pleaded guilty today to possession of child pornography. BOGDAN, a former Largo Police Officer for two and half years, resigned from the police force on October 17, 2006. The maximum penalty BOGDAN faces is 10 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.00.

According to court documents, BOGDAN was interviewed by agents of the FBI Innocent Image Task Force and admitted to downloading child pornography to his computer. When federal agents examined the contents of his computer, they found a video of a minor female involved in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Innocent Images Task Force. The FBI's Innocent Images Task Force is a multi-agency task force comprised of the FBI, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Largo Police Department, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, the Lakeland Police Department, and the United States Probation Office. The Task Force is an intelligence driven, proactive investigative initiative that combats the proliferation of child pornography and child sexual exploitation facilitated by the Internet. The mission of the Innocent Images Task Force is to reduce the vulnerability of children to acts of sexual exploitation and abuse facilitated through

computers; identify and rescue witting and unwitting child victims; and to investigate and prosecute sexual predators who use the Internet to sexually exploit children for personal and financial gain. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Patricia A. Kerwin.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.